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SUBJECT:POLICY GUIDANCE FOR U.S. DELEGATION TO U.S.-EGYPT
JOINT WORKING GROUP ON MEDICAL COOPERATION ON PROPOSED
"TRILATERAL COLLABORATION"

1. ISSUE: THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT AND SEVERAL U.S. GOVERN-
MENT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING CONGRESSMAN WAXMAN, HAVE EXPRESS-
INTEREST IN FOSTERING TRILATERAL COOPERATION AMONG THE
UNITED STATES, EGYPT AND ISRAEL UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE
USEJWC. GIVEN THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT'S VIEW THAT SUCH
TRILATERAL COLLABORATION WOULD BE PREMATURE AT THIS TIME--
EGYPT HAS REJECTED SEVERAL APPROACHES ON THE SUBJECT--
SHOULD THE U.S. SEEK TO PROMOTE SUCH TRILATERALISM?

2. U.S. POLICY GUIDANCE: GIVEN THE POLITICAL SENSITI-
VITIES INVOLVED IN THIS SUBJECT AND THE OVERRIDING IMPOR-
TANCE TO THE NATIONAL INTEREST OF THE ON-GOING PEACE
EFFORT, THE SUBJECT OF "TRILATERAL COLLABORATION" SHOULD
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NOT BE MENTIONED BY ANY OFFICIALS REPRESENTING THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT, EITHER FORMALLY OR INFORMALLY, TO RE-
PRESENTATIVES OF THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT. SHOULD THE SUB-
JECT ARISE, GUIDANCE MUST BE SOUGHT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
STATE BEFORE ANY RESPONSE OR COMMENT IS OFFERED. CHRISTOPHER

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